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**RESPONSE**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

The following remarks are provided in response to the Office Action mailed January 5, 2005.

Remarks begin on the page entitled "Remarks."